

Date: Yearly in the week before Whitsun.
1993: 24th of may '93 to 28th of may '93

Time: Mon 00.00 UTC thru Fri 24.00 UTC.

Frequencies: HF: 1,8 MHz to 28 MHz, including WARC-bands.
V/UHF: 144 MHz to 430 MHz.

Operation: CW only! Normal QSOs (no contest style)
with exchange of RST, QTH and name. Don't use
serial numbers!

Remarks: Only straight keys, bugs and elbugs are allowed.
Do not use any keyboards or any other kind of
equipment encoding and/or decoding automatically.
Disregarding this rule so will cause disqualification!
The participant confirms the consent with the rules by
putting a signature on the log.

QSO Points: Every QSO will count one point.

Final score: Sum of QSO points.

Logs: The logs have to contain following columns:

Call | Date | Time | Band | R S T sent | R S T rcvd | Name

We would like to know what rig was used during this activity week. So
please be so kind to add a small description of the rig you used.

SWL Logs have to include both calls and at least one signal report!

Sense of contest: during this activity week there will be no scoring
in classes or bands but everyone reaching more than ten points will
receive a contest testifying card and those OPs who reach more than
fifty points will get an award.

Deadline: Deadline is four weeks after activity weeks end.
Please send your logs to this address:

Falco Theile DL2LQC
P.O. Box 56
D-0-7280 Eilenburg (Germany)

Source: original info (scanned from hardcopy, slightly modified)
73 de IK2RMZ (EU CW Coordinator of AGCW) Internet: martin.zurn@jrc.it

Date: 17 May 93 12:16:08 GMT
From: swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!netnews.upenn.edu!
prijat!triangle.cs.uofs.edu!bill@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Armed Forces Radio Day??
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Armed forces Day Cross-Band Operation. What a concept.

Was anyone other than me listening when the operator at WAR told some ham he was "a few decibels off frequency" ?? And MARS folks wonder why they're not taken very seriously.

bill KB3YV

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Bill Gunshannon	"There are no evil thoughts, Mr. Reardon" Francisco
bill@cs.uofs.edu	said softly, "except one; the refusal to think."
University of Scranton	
Scranton, Pennsylvania	#include <std disclaimer.h>

Date: 17 May 93 02:42:29 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ARSENE Element Set #1
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB KEPS @ AMSAT \$ORBS-134.S
ARSENE Element Set #1

HR AMSAT ORBITAL ELEMENT SET FOR THE ARSENE SATELLITE
FROM N3FKV HEWITT, TX May 14, 1993
BID: \$ORBS-134.S
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Satellite: ARSENE
Catalog number: 22654
Epoch time: 93133.16283445
Element set: 1
Inclination: 5.0305 deg
RA of node: 58.6741 deg
Eccentricity: 0.7308518
Arg of perigee: 178.7695 deg
Mean anomaly: 185.2486 deg
Mean motion: 2.26085334 rev/day
Decay rate: 6.12e-06 rev/day^2
Epoch rev: 4

Checksum: 280

/EX

Date: 17 May 93 05:46:11 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Daily Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for 16 May
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 136, 05/16/93
10.7 FLUX=098.8 90-AVG=125 SSN=062 BKI=2512 3213 BAI=013
BGND-XRAY=B2.2 FLU1=1.7E+06 FLU10=2.3E+04 PKI=3512 3223 PAI=012
BOU-DEV=018,079,009,018,024,012,009,025 DEV-AVG=024 NT SWF=00:000
XRAY-MAX= C1.1 @ 0502UT XRAY-MIN= B1.9 @ 2107UT XRAY-AVG= B2.4
NEUTN-MAX= +003% @ 2250UT NEUTN-MIN= -002% @ 1745UT NEUTN-AVG= +0.3%
PCA-MAX= +0.1DB @ 2315UT PCA-MIN= -0.2DB @ 2000UT PCA-AVG= +0.0DB
BOUTF-MAX=55405NT @ 0350UT BOUTF-MIN=55370NT @ 1736UT BOUTF-AVG=55385NT
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT G7-AVG=+000,+000,+000
GOES6-MAX=P:+127NT@ 1820UT GOES6-MIN=N:-099NT@ 0324UT G6-AVG=+100,-016,-053
FLUXFCST=STD:095,090,095;SESC:095,090,095 BAI/PAI-FCST=020,015,015/020,025,015
KFCST=4434 4334 2224 4222 27DAY-AP=011,025 27DAY-KP=3223 3323 3644 4333
WARNINGS=
ALERTS=
!!END-DATA!!

NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 15 MAY 93 was 67.0.
The Full Kp Indices for 15 MAY 93 are: 2+ 1+ 3o 3- 3- 2+ 4- 3o

Date: 17 May 93 06:04:21 GMT
From: ogicse!emory!wupost!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!mojo.eng.umd.edu!
tedwards@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: FD Site looking 4 suggestions?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Field Day is coming up, and we at the U of Maryland ARC are looking for a good site within a few hours drive from MD. We're looking for someplace new, preferably in the mountains. Of course, we need to be able to put up antennas (wire dipoles, and beams if we can find the proper place to attach them to), camp, perhaps run our newly donated generator, etc.

Does anyone know of such a nice mountainy site out to the west of

Washington, D.C. which would be apropos for field day ops?
(No Park Rangers complaining about antennas please :))

-Thomas
N3HAU
member W3EAX

Date: 17 May 93 05:25:15 GMT
From: amdahl!amdahl!ikluft@uunet.uu.net
Subject: If you didn't get a copy of the CFV...
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I mentioned a couple days ago that I made a mail server for the CFV since a number of people asked me for copies. I sent out a bunch of them manually and then set up this server. Well... it worked fine when I tested it. :-(There was a setup error that resulted in this output for everyone but me:

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>--copy of CFV-----
>[the mailer script was not able to open this file]
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Needless to say, that isn't even an abridged version of it! I've fixed the error. (The directory permissions were accidentally set so it would only work if *I* sent mail to it. I hate it when that happens!)

It will work now. If you want a copy of the CFV, as posted by the moderator of news.announce.newgroups, send mail to

cfv-request@uts.amdahl.com

The script won't read your mail. It will just look at the reply address and send you a complete copy of the CFV.

My sincere apologies to anyone who sent requests and got the error back!

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[disclaimer: any opinions expressed are mine only... not those of my employer]

Date: Mon, 17 May 1993 03:34:07 GMT
From: gatech!kd4nc!n4tii@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Info request on RCI-2950 and/or RCI-2970
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

nick@hotcity.COM (Nick Assar) writes:

>erchul@csd4.csd.uwm.edu (David A. V. Erchul) writes:

>>
>> I would like to hear from anyone out here
>> who has, has used or has information about
>> the RCI-2950 or RCI-2970.

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>> Pros, cons and comparisons.

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>> (My first post here so please be kind!)

>Well, as most everyone knows, it is sold as a 10 meter transceiver.
>Yet, if you open it up and flip a couple DIP switches, you have a
>26-32 MHz transceiver. Furthermore, you can LOCK the channels to
>the 40 CB ones used. Overall, it's worth it's price, but extremely
>large for a mobile. It does spaz out (if you try to push a button
>(for the light dimmer) the channels will go up mysteriously. DO
>NOT get the RCI-2970, many companies sell a kit to upgrade the 2950
>to 100 watts (which is the RCI-2970) for about \$120.
>Also, many features reset themselves if you turn the set OFF then ON.
>The scanning is slow, the memory presets are OK, yet the clarity is
>awesome (I've had numerous people telling how nice it sounds). I'd
>reccomend this to anyone with the money.

> - Nick

I owned one of these rigs for a couple of months and I didn't really like it.

However, I bought off a less than reputable guy...he's one of these CB-HAM types and I think he'd been inside it to "tune it up a bit." Mine had a bad problem with FMing in SSB modes. The rig worked great other than that. It was already modified to cover 26-32 and LOCKing into CB. My basic complaints of the rig are one, it's BIG. Two, it doesn't give the option to diable the clarifier...which on this rig, I think it was a SLIDER and not really a RIT. I didn't like the two controls thing...where it had a knob and then that stupid thing on the outside that spun around, too. The controls were kinda flakey, too. I now own a 2600 which I think is a far better rig. The controls are more user friendly, and more designed as a ham rig and not a CB. But, if one can find a 2950 for a good price, I'd nab it!

John
n4tii%kd4nc.uucp@gatech.edu

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>nick@hotcity.COM

Date: 17 May 93 15:38:56 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Kenwood BBS # ?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

What's the telephone number for the Kenwood BBS?

MRO

Michael R. Owen, Ph.D. a.k.a.: W9IP
Department of Geology Northern Lights Software
St. Lawrence University Star Route, Box 60
Canton, NY 13617 Canton, NY 13617
(315) 379-5975 - voice - (315) 379-0161
MROWEN@STLAWU or MOWE@SLUMUS

Date: 17 May 93 08:38:00 GMT
From: banana!sgiblab!darwin.sura.net!rouge!jab0684@RUTGERS.EDU
Subject: Macintosh compatible morse code training programs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Title says it all anyone have an ftp where I can locate one of these for
a future ham(hopefully).

73 DE kb5udf

Date: 17 May 93 04:22:08 GMT
From: ogicse!emory!wupost!darwin.sura.net!mojo.eng.umd.edu!
tedwards@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Mobile Fluorecent Interference!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <930507.231005.9S9.rusnews.w165w@garlic.sbs.com> system@garlic.sbs.com
(Anthony S. Pelliccio) writes:
>I'm pretty sure it's not fluorescent lights... they're neon. I've seen
>it around license plates and under cars too.

I believe that they are actually fluorescent. They look like neon
signs, but neon signs are on the way out. Most of the "neon" things

you see today are fluorescents with different colored phosphors
(telephones that light up when ringing, the car things, most small
"neon" shop signs, etc.) Neon only has a very limited set of
colors, the red being the most efficient.

Date: 17 May 93 02:40:48 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ORBS\$135.2liners
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB KEPS @ AMSAT \$ORBS-135.N
2Line Orbital Elements 135.AMSAT

HR AMSAT ORBITAL ELEMENTS FOR AMATEUR SATELLITES IN NASA FORMAT
FROM N3FKV HEWITT, TX May 15, 1993
BID: \$ORBS-135.N

DECODE 2-LINE ELSETS WITH THE FOLLOWING KEY:

1 AAAAAU 00 0 0 BBBBB.BBBBBBBB .CCCCCCCC 00000-0 00000-0 0 DDDZ
2 AAAAA EEE.EEEE FFF.FFFF GGGGGGG HHH.HHHH III.IIII JJ.JJJJJJJKKKKKZ
KEY: A-CATALOGNUM B-EPOCHTIME C-DECAY D-ELSETNUM E-INCLINATION F-RAAN
G-ECCENTRICITY H-ARGPERIGEE I-MNANOM J-MNMOTION K-ORBITNUM Z-CHECKSUM

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

A0-10

1 14129U 83 58 B 93124.42849320 .00000034 00000-0 99999-4 0 9897
2 14129 27.0747 27.2622 6015468 78.5197 339.5310 2.05878384 74363
U0-11

1 14781U 84 21 B 93133.55981338 .00000478 00000-0 85537-4 0 4151
2 14781 97.8149 161.4920 0012638 104.5645 255.6966 14.68980543491639
RS-10/11

1 18129U 87 54 A 93130.92195326 .00000088 00000-0 89554-4 0 6109
2 18129 82.9219 266.1481 0013265 62.7338 51.0024 13.72316223294735
A0-13

1 19216U 88 51 B 93126.52221722 -.00000214 00000-0 99999-4 0 6001
2 19216 57.7809 318.1711 7244282 314.4538 5.3124 2.09725695 37488
F0-20

1 20480U 90 13 C 93128.64302632 .00000013 00000-0 58923-4 0 4457
2 20480 99.0474 352.3177 0541003 176.1159 184.4404 12.83219483152240
A0-21

1 21087U 91 6 A 93132.82747197 .00000084 00000-0 82656-4 0 7583
2 21087 82.9413 78.9974 0036579 118.1706 297.2202 13.74517515114587
RS-12/13

1 21089U 91 7 A 93133.53143901 .00000048 00000-0 44040-4 0 4029
2 21089 82.9215 307.8194 0029826 138.7721 221.5695 13.74021714113765

U0-14

1 20437U 90 5 B 93132.73311770 .00000114 00000-0 52142-4 0 7483
2 20437 98.6150 217.3988 0011084 290.4897 69.5101 14.29768478172365

A0-16

1 20439U 90 5 D 93133.22452835 .00000117 00000-0 53396-4 0 5559
2 20439 98.6213 218.7366 0010804 288.4336 71.5670 14.29828816172442

D0-17

1 20440U 90 5 E 93133.21729727 .00000114 00000-0 51935-4 0 5573
2 20440 98.6226 218.9326 0010679 287.1702 72.8310 14.29964002172453

W0-18

1 20441U 90 5 F 93132.76646093 .00000125 00000-0 56404-4 0 5597
2 20441 98.6227 218.5167 0011486 290.0637 69.9310 14.29944376172393

L0-19

1 20442U 90 5 G 93133.26033058 .00000118 00000-0 53439-4 0 5569
2 20442 98.6229 219.1737 0011581 286.8647 73.1265 14.30033742172479

U0-22

1 21575U 91 50 B 93132.10316127 .00000156 00000-0 59729-4 0 2546
2 21575 98.4748 208.7890 0008373 50.2640 309.9285 14.36821513 95480

K0-23

1 22077U 92 52 B 93132.82090716 .00000000 00000-0 99999-4 0 1022
2 22077 66.0763 38.2288 0006531 205.4608 154.6089 12.86277546 35299

NOAA-9

1 15427U 84123 A 93133.39364005 .00000160 00000-0 10578-3 0 3687
2 15427 99.1019 172.9677 0014177 267.7894 92.1637 14.13513463433865

NOAA-10

1 16969U 86 73 A 93133.51896082 .00000131 00000-0 64107-4 0 2083
2 16969 98.5172 149.5573 0014338 58.2175 302.0381 14.24799803345697

MET-2/17

1 18820U 88 5 A 93133.79374039 .00000084 00000-0 69095-4 0 8692
2 18820 82.5405 226.2610 0015248 221.1620 138.8390 13.84683246267088

MET-3/2

1 19336U 88 64 A 93133.39646155 .00000043 00000-0 99999-4 0 409
2 19336 82.5369 246.5570 0015966 178.9229 181.1930 13.16958461230632

NOAA-11

1 19531U 88 89 A 93133.61076074 .00000148 00000-0 10088-3 0 1155
2 19531 99.1293 108.7261 0011630 171.9091 188.2319 14.12873231238791

MET-2/18

1 19851U 89 18 A 93133.53181177 .00000036 00000-0 27267-4 0 8044
2 19851 82.5196 102.5546 0012933 273.4737 86.4941 13.84331859212395

MET-3/3

1 20305U 89 86 A 93133.59961955 .00000043 00000-0 99999-4 0 7128
2 20305 82.5585 189.2815 0014799 203.4047 156.6404 13.16019671170558

MET-2/19

1 20670U 90 57 A 93134.14368922 .00000049 00000-0 38648-4 0 5577
2 20670 82.5483 165.4285 0015132 183.2466 176.8598 13.84174154145417

FY-1/2

1 20788U 90 81 A 93133.55845865 .00000115 00000-0 87665-4 0 5593
2 20788 98.8718 160.8679 0015960 41.1725 319.0641 14.01324574137732

MET-2/20

1 20826U 90 86 A 93134.26047170 .000000049 000000-0 39468-4 0 5621
2 20826 82.5250 103.3847 0014892 82.1058 278.1801 13.83546341132591

MET-3/4

1 21232U 91 30 A 93134.00531564 .000000044 000000-0 99999-4 0 3617
2 21232 82.5453 91.9124 0018385 111.6866 248.6217 13.16821459 98826

NOAA-12

1 21263U 91 32 A 93133.27389446 .000000256 000000-0 13269-3 0 5680
2 21263 98.6589 163.9801 0012469 319.9499 40.0762 14.22255143103681

MET-3/5

1 21655U 91 56 A 93133.62895983 .000000043 000000-0 99999-4 0 4170
2 21655 82.5531 38.9221 0014084 111.3606 248.9030 13.16819721 83876

MIR

1 16609U 86 17 A 93133.90412693 .00013070 000000-0 17160-3 0 683
2 16609 51.6216 31.6686 0000370 263.2073 196.6972 15.58879428413788

HUBBLE

1 20580U 90 37 B 93132.66827322 .00001546 000000-0 13202-3 0 930
2 20580 28.4703 293.1574 0004582 34.3465 57.0898 14.92658400166207

GRO

1 21225U 91 27 B 93134.24452008 .00029471 000000-0 20394-3 0 8887
2 21225 28.4589 183.9562 0003542 5.2001 354.8629 15.72961345119906

TUBSAT

1 21577U 91 50 D 93131.72582655 .000000132 000000-0 51854-4 0 2541
2 21577 98.4755 208.0230 0007547 53.2076 306.9801 14.36372049 95407

SARA

1 21578U 91 50 E 93133.24908264 .000000768 000000-0 26520-3 0 4255
2 21578 98.4792 211.0204 0005558 55.8764 304.2950 14.38407449 95700

UARS

1 21701U 91 63 B 93122.53196977 .00002451 000000-0 23423-3 0 2468
2 21701 56.9874 4.4971 0004735 74.4314 285.7213 14.96616599 89460

FREJA

1 22161U 92 64 A 93114.90056143 -.000000046 000000-0 56228-6 0 1261
2 22161 63.0052 270.4590 0770030 278.1191 73.3243 13.21618478 26510

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Date: 17 May 93 12:15:16 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Quad Antenna Info pse
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Ciao,

I'm considering to buy a beam and some days ago I had the chance to take a look to a Cubex Quad (mod. MK5-PTD3 five bands/3 el) antenna tech specs. Actually, since I always thought to buy a yagi, I never took under serious consideration a quad and I was pretty amazed by the on-the-paper performance.

Infacts, its gain is rated 11-13 dbISO, F/B 35-40 db and a very low rotating radius (and that's just great for my QTH).
I'm wondering if any of you out there can give me any advice on this antenna or, more generally, whether quads work better than yagis under any condition or there is a trade off like more weakness to the wind, etc. etc.

I would also appreciate any comment/suggestion on other makes, or even any kind of ant that can rotate with radius of about 4 meters with a good gain. Height is not a problem since the tower can be almost as high as I want with a minimum of pain.

73, Marco

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Marco Fassiotto - IX1IIY      |  
Software Engineer             |  
P.O. Box 19                   | Packet      : ix1iiy@ik1brm.iv.to.ita.eu  
10018 Pavone (TO) - ITALY     | INTERNET   : fax@sparc4.ico.olivetti.com  
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Date: 17 May 93 04:38:31 GMT
From: gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!netnews.upenn.edu!
a.chem.upenn.edu!wong@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Question about the antenna
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have a magnet mount antenna base and two steel whips. The whips are both 160cm long. I would like to use one for 11m (CB) and the other for 10m. The question is how should I adjust the length for each of the whip that will optimize the transmission?

TX
73 N30VB (Wei WONG)

Date: Mon, 17 May 93 01:44:26 CDT
From: newsflash.concordia.ca!mizar.cc.umanitoba.ca!bison!sys6626!inqmind!
jim@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Radio Shack 70cm HT?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

markm@bigfoot.sps.mot.com (Mark Monninger) writes:

> I saw a packet posting yesterday about a Radio Shack 70cm HT. Supposedly
> they are starting to sell them. The poster gave a model number and a

> price...\$299.95. Sounded like a 70cm version of the 2M one. Anyone here
> know anything about it?
>
> Mark AA7TA

The current CQ Special Edition has the following info on the HTX-404:

Narrow receiver front end
True FM modulation
CTCSS encode & decode
DTMF paging
prog. power saver
9 DTMF memory sequences
multi-function scanning
prog. freq. steps

Display: backlit LCD with indicators for
 freq., mem ch., DTMF memory., CTCSS, S/Rf relative power, TX offset

Specifications: receive range 440-450 MHz, transmit range 440-450 MHz
 power output 5w
 IFs 2
 sensitivity 0.2 uV for 12 dB SINAD
 supply voltage 7.2-15 Vdc
 max. current 1.8 A
 dimensions 4.6" x 2.6" x 1.9"
 weight 1.2 lbs

 \$299

Jim
VE4JAF

jim@inqmind.bison.mb.ca
The Inquiring Mind BBS, Winnipeg, Manitoba 204 488-1607

Date: 17 May 93 14:25:36 GMT
From: spool.mu.edu!torn!newshost.uwo.ca!mbramwel.business.uwo.ca!
MBRAMWEL@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Ramsey SCA Kit and pro-2004?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Last night I put together the Ramsey SCA tuner kit.

Using a scope, I can see the proper signals on the tuner kit.

My problem is, I am not sure where to hook this up inside a pro-2004 scanner.

Has anyone tried this on a scanner, or another receiver?

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Mark Bramwell,          University of Western Ontario,   Western Business School

Internet: mbramwel@uwo.ca          IP Address: 129.100.22.100
Packet:  VE3PZR @ VE3GYQ          UWO Phone: (519) 661-3714
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Date: 17 May 93 14:05:22 GMT
From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!
math.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!csn!boulder!boulder!
eesnyder@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Why do they DO that?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>In article <1993May13.162900.117@muvm6.wvnet.edu> rcomm@muvm6.wvnet.edu writes:

>> I have been reading quite a lot here about how various HT's and scanners and
>> such are modify-able. As the HTs are concerned, a user may modify the radio to
>> transmit outside of designated amateur bands. My question is WHY do
>> manufacturers knowingly engineer and manufacture radios that can do this?

I have a slightly different question: to what use do hams put these our-of-band
frequencies?

I ask because when I picked up my Yaesu FT-530 this weekend (my first HT), the
first thing the sales person asked after I paid for it was whether I wanted
a 'mod sheet'. Well, this mod will allow me to transmit in the heart of the
public service bands in my area. Now, I imagine in the direst of emergencies
it might be ok to do this. However, I would be a little worried about accidentally
keying the mic on the local police repeater (DISPATCH: all city and county units
move to BLUE; we have a stuck mic on GREEN) since I also like to scan the public
service freqs. Any ideas? (BTW: I just passed my exam last week, so be nice
if this question is painfully obvious.)

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TTGATTGCTAAACACTGGGCGGCGAATCAGGGTTGGGATCTGAACAAAGACGGTCAGATTTCAGTTCGTACTGCTG
Eric E. Snyder
Department of MCD Biology          ...making feet for childrens' shoes.
University of Colorado, Boulder
Boulder, Colorado 80309-0347
LeuIleAlaLysHisTrpAlaAlaAsnGlnGlyTrpAspLeuAsnLysAspGlyGlnIleGlnPheValLeuLeu
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Date: 17 May 1993 04:32:14 GMT
From: haven.umd.edu!cs.umd.edu!mojo.eng.umd.edu!tedwards@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <930503.231753.903.rusnews.w165w@mooch.sbs.com>,
<1993May5.093748.19256@ke4zv.uucp>,
<930506.203411.1N2.rusnews.w165w@mooch.sbs.com>
Subject : Re: no-code defense

In article <930506.203411.1N2.rusnews.w165w@mooch.sbs.com> system@mooch.sbs.com
(Christopher Ogren) writes:

>Sure incentive licensing makes sense. The idea was put forward to
>increase the number of persons who had a special skill such as Morse
>Code. Anyone can press a mic button and blab.

Yeah, but morse code is a pretty useless skill to encourage. Sure, it's
great for DXCC, but compared with real skills like computer programming,
microwave technology, and the like it pales. Ham radio should
increase useful skills in the amateur population, not useless ones.

>Even if code was dropped all together as an exam requirement (can't be
>done because of international agreements) the exmas should at least be
>made worthy of the knowledge an amateur radio operator is suppose to
>posess.

I'll agree with that...kill the code requirements except for 5 WPM
for HF privs, and then make real tests for general, advanced, and
extra.

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